



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of six years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practice; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of June 10 through 16, 2002, to be

MEN'S HEALTH FITNESS WEEK

In Idaho, and I urge all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete T. Cenarrusa".

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE